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Sir:

The references cited on attached form PTO/SB/08B are being called to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of reference AC is enclosed. In accordance with the USPTO's decision to waive the requirement under 37 CFR 1.98 (a)(2)(i) for U.S. patents and published patent applications for all U.S. national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003, applicant has not submitted copies of references AA and AB.


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